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In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/736,440

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For: BRAKING PRESSURE CONTROL APPARATUS CAPABLE OF SWITCHING
BETWEEN TWO BRAKE OPERATING STATES USING POWER-OPERATED AND
MANUALLY OPERATED PRESSURE SOURCES, RESPECTIVELY

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the October 7, 2002 Office Action and further to the January 6 personal interview, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

/ Page 114, line 24-page 116, line 7, delete current paragraph and insert therefore:

The opening actions of the master-cylinder shut-off 25 valves 152, 162 are controlled according to a master-cylinder shut-off valve control routine illustrated in the flow chart of

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Fig. 3. This control routine is repeatedly executed while the braking system is placed in the first operating state. The routine is initiated with step S11 to determine whether the first switch flag is set at "1". As described above, this first switching flag is set to "1" when the first switching condition is satisfied, and is held at "1" until the braking system has been switched from the first operating state to the second operating state. That is, the first switching flag is set at "1" before the second operating state has been established. If the first